

3. Campus Security Fee ..... Charles Perusse, Tom Shanahan

**Situation:** The 2013-14 UNC Campus Security Initiative (Initiative) Report includes high priority recommendations for new initiatives, staffing, and security measures for the UNC institutions. This item provides for the approval and implementation of an annual University-wide student fee of \$50 to fund the recommendations.

**Background:** President Ross launched the Initiative in August 2013 to study security and student safety at the 17 campuses. He asked the Initiative to review current security practices, assess pending needs, and make recommendations. The Initiative reviewed campus responses to serious offenses against persons, including sexual violence; safety and security operations; crime reporting and awareness; and alcohol and other substance abuse among students.

The Initiative presented its Report to the full Board during a policy discussion on July 31, 2014. It was estimated that implementation of all 36 recommendations would cost up to \$13 million annually. UNC-General Administration further reviewed the recommendations and adjusted the estimated costs for implementation.

**Assessment:** A \$50 annual fee for students would provide approximately \$9 million annually for system-wide implementation of the recommendations. The proposed fee structure would allow most of the funds collected to remain at the campus level and a smaller portion to be housed at General Administration for system-wide training and coordination. This fee structure would also keep costs low by utilizing a shared services model for some personnel, as appropriate.

**Action:** This item requires a vote.

## Campus Security Fee

The 2013-14 UNC Campus Security Initiative (Initiative) presented its Report to the full Board of Governors during a policy discussion on July 31, 2014. It was stated that additional recurring University funding of \$13 million annually would be necessary to implement 36 recommendations in the Report. This item allows the Board to consider a system-wide annual student fee of \$50 to fund those recommendations.

President Ross launched the Initiative in August 2013 to study security and student safety at the 17 campuses. In his charge, he asked them to review current security practices, assess pending needs, and make recommendations. During the course of its work, the Initiative reviewed campus responses to serious offenses against persons, including sexual violence; safety and security operations; crime reporting and awareness; and alcohol and other substance abuse among students which is often a contributing factor in serious incidents.

An annual fee assessed to students would provide the University with reliable annual funding to maintain safe campus communities and remain compliant with federal law and regulation. The fee would provide funding for the following categories of key needs across the system: (1) campus police officer and telecommunicator compensation; (2) investigators and hearing officers; (3) Title IX and Clery Act compliance coordination; (4) system-level safety and security training, coordination, data collection, and audit functions; and (5) substance abuse counselors and/or case managers.

It is recommended that the Board of Governors authorize the University to establish a system-wide annual fee of \$50 per student to implement the priority recommendations. Such a fee would provide approximately \$9 million annually for safety- and security-related needs.

The majority of the funds collected would remain at the campus and a smaller portion would be housed at General Administration for system-wide coordination and training. The proposed fee structure would also utilize a regional shared services personnel model, including investigator, hearing officer, and substance abuse counselor positions. If approved, this fee could be revised and adjusted as needed in future years.